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Theresa Humes women's hockey teams ready to face off

The 35th annual Theresa Humes Women's Hockey Tournament will feature a good mix of established Canadian and American teams, and a couple of youthful entries when the competition takes place Jan. 3-5, 2003, at Concordia's Ed Meagher Arena.

Canadian universities competing include: Toronto, currently ranked No. 3 in the CIS; the No. 10-ranked Ottawa Gee-Gees, UQTR and the host Concordia Stingers, currently ranked No. 5 in Canada.

The American entries are Middlebury College and Cornell University, which is coached by Mel Davidson. She was an assistant coach with the gold medallist Canadian Olympic team in Salt Lake City.

The young teams, featuring the next generation of stars, are CEGEP Limoilou and the Quebec Canada Games team, also known at the provincial under-18 team.

"It will be exciting to see the Quebec under-18 team," says Concordia head coach Les Lawton. "This team has the best kids in the province. The older teams are going to have to play smart. It will be tough for us. The young teams get really motivated when they play established teams. They feed on the emotion."

The Stingers head into the tournament with a 10-4-1 record. They finished third in the Theresa Humes tournament last January. To get back in the winner's circle, Lawton says his team has to be sharp despite time off over the holidays.

"Everyone will be in the same boat, coming off the break," he says. "We have to be focused. We need to work hard and get strong goaltending."

The team will also rely heavily on its two All-Canadians - veteran defender Sue Kaye and fifth-year forward M.C. Allard, who leads the team in scoring with 10 goals and 11 assists for 21 points in 11 games. She is fourth in the nation in scoring.

Games for Day 1 of the tournament on Jan. 3 are as follows:

CEGEP Limoilou vs. Concordia - 2 p.m.

Middlebury vs. Ottawa - 4:30 p.m.

UQTR vs. Cornell - 7 p.m.

Toronto vs. Quebec U18 - 9:30 p.m.

On Day 2, the winners from Day 1 play at 3 and 5:30 p.m. The losers move to the consolation side of the draw and play at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

On the final day, the championship is scheduled for 4 p.m. The third-place game will take place at 1 p.m. The consolation final is slated for 11 a.m. and the seventh-place game will begin at 9 a.m.

The Ed Meagher Arena is located at 7200 Sherbrooke St. W., in NDG.

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